# ST. DOMINIC



## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

GRANTSBURG

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Catholic Schools Week



It is human to err; it is devilish to remain willfully in error.

-St. Augustine

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EWTN: Cable - 17, Direct TV- 370, Dish- 261 Mass: on Channel 3...Monday 3:00 рм, Wednesday 7:00 рм

### January 29th & 30th, 2022

Weekly Mass Times						
St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:				
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM			
Sunday	10:30 AM	Thursday	5:30 PM			
Tues & Wed	10:30 AM	Friday	5:30 PM			

### **Parish Contacts**

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### **Prayer for Catholic Schools**

Dear Lord, Continue to bless our Catholic Schools. Help them continue to be a source of wisdom to learn about Your love for us. May all who enter their classrooms be filled with the gift of your Holy Spirit and come to know You in a more meaningful way. May Catholic education grow so that Your good news can be taught to children from all around Your world. Amen

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### ~~~ Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel ~~~

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict

(Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not

### **Catholic School Collection - January 30**

Teach the children how they should live and they will remember it all of their life! Proverbs 22:6



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week runs from Jan. 30 Feb. 5. This week's special collection is an oppor-Cotholic Schools tunity for us to focus our shared efforts on helping

to ensure the vitality of our 14 diocesan Catholic Schools

If you would still like to help support these schools as they instill the Catholic faith and morals in the children of our diocese, please place your envelope in the regular collection by February 13th. Thank you!

### **New Parish Directory!** Calling ALL parishioners!

It is time for a new parish directory and it won't be complete without all of you! Photographing will be:

### Monday & Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> @ IC Monday & Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> @ SD

Parishioners can be photographed at either parish - whichever fits your calendar. You receive a free 8 x 10 photograph of your family and a free directory just for having your picture taken. We are doing in-person sign up after Masses this weekend. If you have questions or wish to make an appointment, feel free to call the parish office.

only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar



Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and

worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around vou? ©LPi

### ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

Thank you for the generous response to our Pro-Life Baby Shower these past weeks.

This week all the items will be taken to Options for Women Tri-County in Osceola which serves Polk, St. Croix, and Burnett Counties.

If you would still like to support this cause, please bring your donation to our weekend Masses or the parish office by Wednesday, February 2. Thank you again for your generous support.

#### Join Us and Become Part of the Process

If you would like to be part of the Synodal Process on Monday, February 7, please call the parish office by Tuesday, February 1. This is a way for us, as a local church, to discuss and share with others our ideas on how to make our parishes better.

### 30 Ways to Live a Holier Life

We are all called to be holy. On its simplest level, it means living a life centered on God - loving and participating in the Church he established on Earth.

We continue to look at some ways to add holiness to our own life.

2. Go on a personal retreat. Plan a pilgrimage to a holy site. Visit area shrines or other historical religious sites.

### 2022 DIOCESAN Men's & Women's RETREATS

"The Feminine Genius: Living Lives as Women of God" is the title of a weekend retreat for **women** at Heartwood in Trego, WI. It will be held February 19-20 with Aly Aleigha as the presenter. Register by going to https:// catholicdos.org/womens-ministry.

"Redeeming Masculinity: Christ's Urgent Call to Authentic Manliness" is the title of a weekend retreat for **men** at Heartwood in Trego, WI. It will be held February 5-6 with Peter Andrastek as the speaker. Register by going to https://catholicdos.org/mens-ministry

For more information on either retreat call the parish office or check on the bulletin boards in the parish hall.

At different times in our lives, we all need a new perspective. Matthew Kelly <u>The Rhythm of Life</u>



### SD Quilting & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who is interested in quilting, knitting, crocheting, or doing other craft activities or learning how to do these crafts is welcome to join other crafters at 1:00 pm beginning *Monday, February 21 at* St. Dominic Education Center. Bring whatever supplies you need to work on your craft or come to help others work on lap quilts and prayer shawls for people in need.

Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship!

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Question:** I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

**Answer:** While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin! ©LPi



### Thank You!

Thank you to Karen Hill, Kim Fredericks and all the Religious

Education students for their great performance of *Circle the World-A Christmas Musical* and the hand bell carols. It was a wonderful evening of fun. Great job all!

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, February 2 IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm Thursday, February 3

KC Meeting @ IC 6:30 pm officers/7 pm business

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

## First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

	SD	IC
Feb. 2	CLASS	CLASS
Feb. 9	CLASS	CLASS



### MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29 SD 4-4:15 pm Confessions SD 4:30 pm Doris Olson by Karen Klinkhammer

### Sunday, January 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IC 8-8:15 am Confessions IC 8:30 am MaryJane Meyer by Snookie Meier SD 10:30 am Ashley Miller Carlson by Judy Marek

### Tuesday, February 1

SD 10:30 am Tom Supinski by Bill & Carol Schommer

### Wednesday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

IC 7-10 am Adoration SD 10:30 am Jan Bergeron by Don & Kathy Supinski SD 11-12 pm Adoration

### Thursday, February 3

IC 5:30 pm Margarette Brooker by Bowman & Harter Families

Friday, February 4 IC 5:30 pm All Souls Day Intentions

### Saturday, February 5 St. Agatha

SD 4-4:15 pm Confessions

SD 4:30 pm Mike Supinski by Don & Kathy Supinski

### Sunday, February 6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions
- IC 8:30 am Richard Joseph Michel by The Tim

Michel Family

SD 10:30 am Sue Ann Stuart by Ann Froehlich



### **Parish Services**

### Home Bound

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

**Baptism and Matrimony** 

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

### Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

### House Blessing

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

### Prayer Chain

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

### Rosary

The Rosary is recited before Saturday Mass at SD.

STEWARDSHIP - 1/23/22	SD	IC
Envelope Collection	\$1,015.00	\$835.00
Loose Collection	\$332.00	\$113.00
Catholic Herald	\$20.00	\$20.00
Building Fund/Loan Reduction	\$10.00	\$20.00
Still owed on CSA 2021-22	Hooray! 0	\$3,704

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

### Saturday, February 5

St. Dominic Ushers: Don Supinski, Bill Schommer Greeters: N - Colleen Draxler S - Carol Schommer Lector: Ray Draxler Sacristan: Kathy Supinski Communion: Colleen Draxler Server: Steve Swies

### Sunday, February 6

Immaculate Conception Homebound: Barb Hoefler Lector: Elaine Michel Communion: Dolores Swenson Sacristan: Joan Lauer Ushers: Shari Harter, Helena Wagner Server: Volunteer

### **St. Dominic**

Homebound: Colleen Draxler Ushers: Jim Schommer, Eric Currie Greeters: N - Jeanette Laqua S - Ex Memmer Lector: Pam Klatt Sacristan: David Malinovsky Communion: Mary Wallin Server: Emily Hill, Amelia Dagestad

#### adi sunday in ordinary time



### New Parishioners

### Welcome!

If you would like to become a member of our Parishes, please fill out the following form. Then mail it, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

□ St. Dominic	□ Immaculate Conception	
Name		
Phone Number		
Address		
City	State	Zip

